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covered by statute, this necessity is even more apparent. The omissions here noticed are those of the first edition. *Hall v. Butterfield*, 59 N. H. 354, is not cited; nor is attention drawn other than by the mere citation of the case to the elaborate and valuable note to *Craig v. Van Bebber*, 18 Am. State Reports, 569. That note, occupying about one hundred and fifty pages, not only states exhaustively the law of infancy to 1890, but gives at length the writer's own acute comparisons and theories.

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DIGEST OF THE LAW OF TRUSTS. By W. G. Hart. London: The "Law Notes" Publishing Offices. 1909. pp. xxiv, 464.

In 1908 a bill embodying a code of trusts was introduced in the House of Commons and was referred to a committee, which after a careful sounding of professional opinion concluded that it was impossible to proceed with the bill. The drafter presents it in the above entitled volume, together with notes on which he based the bill. The book is offered as a text-book, but as such it is defective for the same reason for which the proposed bill appears impracticable, namely, that the bill codifies parts of the law of trusts which are clearly settled and therefore least need codifying. Points concerning which there is doubt are either treated rather scantily by the author in his notes or are altogether ignored. American authority is always referred to throughout the book by means of citations of Ames' Cases on Trusts; but the writer has failed in both code and notes to mention many matters which are treated by Dean Ames. Among these are the following: The doctrine of *Ex parte Pye*; the distinction of a trust from an assignment of a chose in action; the trust relation involved in bank collections; the relation of the law of uses to the modern law of trusts; the effect of forgiveness of a debt. The necessity of certainty of the *cestui* is not fully discussed, and in general the notes present no advance on the discussions contained in the standard text-books. The collection of authorities covers only English cases and those not fully.

The proposed code included several English statutes which have defined the duties of trustees, for instance as to investments. The author goes fully into these points, but this portion of the book could hardly be useful to the American trustee or counsel.

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